

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum



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of logistics sector jobs

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum February Newsletter 2017

Welcome to the February newsletter from the Northamptonshire Logistics Forum. Topics include: -

- Welcome from the Northamptonshire Logistics Forum Chair, Tony Bellott
- Diary Dates
- SEMLEP Logistics & Supply Chain Event in March
- Update on 2017 Northamptonshire Logistics Forum Awards
- Table Tennis at Work & Funded Support for Training
- Support for Growing Companies & News from the county

We will be circulating regular newsletters to you to update you on the NLF activity. Please email in with your news and items to be included in the newsletters. Email: charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Join the Next Forum

Northamptonshire Logistics Forum

28th March 2017, 8.30am, Northampton

This is an industry led forum and the opportunity for you to raise and collaborate with others to resolve issues. Come along and find out more. At this Forum there will be updates on the Apprenticeship Levy and infrastructure plans for the county as well as new developments. The agenda is currently being drafted but if you have topics you would like to see included then please email.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOGISTICS FORUM - THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!



In a world of volatile market conditions, congested transport systems and shortages of skilled workforce the crystal ball for 2017 is less clear than ever, what is a certainty is the challenges facing the Logistics sector will demand greater agility and flexibility to keep up with the pace and scale of change in a very customer demanding environment. I have seen first hand where Northamptonshire is blessed with a highly skilled and talented workforce and we must push this further. Working together, striving for greater inclusion and collaboration, are vital for us to support as a Forum. If there are topics that you have a keen interest in please share them through the newsletter of contact us directly and get the subject on the table at our next meeting.

This is your opportunity to contribute so please give us feedback and ideas for us all to drive progress. Our next meeting is in Northampton on Tuesday 28th March at 8.30am – email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk for more details.

Tony Bellott, Chair, Northamptonshire Logistics Forum

Diary Dates

There are a number of industry led forums in the county (alongside logistics) to enable companies to share best practice and collaborate on topical issues, details below along with a number of other events in the area.

- **22nd February – Document Awareness Training session with Northamptonshire Police & Northamptonshire HR Forum** – for more details please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk
- **1st March – Big Bang Careers Event at the Saints** - this a first for the county and the first in the UK to involve logistics. The university will be promoting this event to all 300 Primary, Secondary schools and colleges in Northamptonshire **If you are looking for a platform to raise awareness, engage with the community and raise aspirations in young people around Northampton this is the event for you.** As this is the inaugural event there will be no charge for the space. Want to get involved? Email jamesilcox@bydesign-group.co.uk to book your space
- **2nd March – SEMLEP Logistics Event at John Lewis Magna Park** – see article below for more details
- **8th March – Northamptonshire HR Forum**
- **28th March – Northamptonshire Logistics Forum**
- **29th March– Northamptonshire Health, Safety & Wellbeing Forum,**

For more details please email charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

SEMLEP Logistics & Supply Chain Event Thursday 2nd March 2017 – John Lewis Magna Park 9am-2.30pm

As updated at the recent Northamptonshire Logistics Forum, SEMLEP, in conjunction with John Lewis Magna Park, are hosting an event tailored to the logistics sector at John Lewis, Magna Park on Thursday 2nd March 2017, 9am till 2.30pm. Tony Bellott, Chair of the Northamptonshire Logistics Forum will be speaking at the event.

Speakers include:

- Highways England - Smart Motorways, Traffic Officers and improvements to the Strategic Road Network
- Tony Bellott, Chair of Northamptonshire Logistics Forum - Challenges currently facing the Logistics Sector
- Paul Thompson, SEMLEP 'addressing the skills gap and how the Enterprise Advisor programme is progressing

Lunch and a warehouse tour also form part of the event. To register your place at the event please visit [HERE](#).

The aim of the event is to provide an opportunity for companies in the logistics sector to be informed about topics of interest together with a networking opportunity.

Supporting Northamptonshire Businesses - Ready2Grow

Ready2Grow aims to encourage entrepreneurship across Northamptonshire and to improve the capacity and performance of small and medium sized enterprises. It supports enterprises from start-up to growth and encourages innovation and the development of new skills, whilst instilling SMEs with the confidence to apply for growth funding.

Running until February 2019, the project offers a combination of 121 support with specialist business advisers, free workshops on topics such as Effective Websites and Developing New Markets and Customers, as well as the opportunity for eligible businesses to apply for funding.

Ready2Grow will provide you with the support and tools you need to set up your business or to identify its growth potential and can help you on the path to running a successful, growing business.

If you're ready to take that first step towards starting out or are keen to maximise your business' growth potential then contact the Northamptonshire Growth Hub on 01604 212696 or email R2G@northamptonshiregrowthhub.co.uk

Ready2Grow is delivered by the Northamptonshire Growth Hub partners and is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

Northamptonshire Logistics Awards 2017 – Coming Soon!

The January Northamptonshire Logistics Forum confirmed the 10 category awards that will form the 2017 awards.

These are:

- Young Person of the Year
- Inspiring in schools & Community
- Student of the year
- Team of the year
- Innovation Award
- Large Company of the year
- SME Company of the year
- HGV Driver of the year
- Achiever of the year
- Logistics Temporary Staff Agency of the Year



If you are interested in sponsoring the Awards Evening or a category please register your interest by emailing charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

Formal details on how to enter will follow very shortly.

'Loop at Work' Table Tennis Loan Scheme



The 'Loop at Work Scheme' provides workplaces with the opportunity to loan a table tennis table & equipment free of charge for 6 weeks without having to invest straight away. This should give you the chance to see the positive effects of keeping colleagues active during the day. If you want to go ahead and sign up to the scheme, you will receive the table tennis table, bats, balls, and 'beat the boss' games to give your employees some ideas of games and competitions to play.

There are 3 new tables to loan at any one time so Northamptonshire Sport are keen to work with local businesses who will be looking to purchase the table at the end of the 6 weeks. The table storage dimensions are 167 x 75 x 155.5cm. If this is a problem there are other options in terms of smaller tables & ping nets. At the end of the 6 weeks you can purchase the table, equipment, & beat the boss games for a discounted price of £220. For more information and express your interest in the scheme contact Will Heckford Will.Heckford@firstforwellbeing.co.uk

Skills Support for the Workforce Funding for SME's

A number of organisations have been awarded contracts for working with companies on skills. One of them is TCHC which has been awarded the Skills Support for the Workforce for the key sectors in the county. It is an ESF and SFA funded project for the above county to provide intermediate and higher Level skills for SME's within the area (under 250 employees). They will be presenting at the March HR Forum so if you have any queries please email me for the March meeting.

Specifically for the Logistics Sector this includes: Intermediate manual and elementary skills, English language skills (primarily for migrants) specialist apprenticeships (eg high tech vehicle maintenance) HGV drivers and general warehouse skills. Upskill those with no qualifications. Basic skills training, particularly for legal migrant workers, progressing onto sector based training (Apprenticeships)

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Lorraine Gimson lorraine.gimson@tchc.net

Northamptonshire Logistics Facts

Last year the Northamptonshire Logistics Forum produced a Northamptonshire Logistics Factsheet. We are looking to update this – have you any facts that you would like to be included? Please send through all of your facts to charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk

LOGISTICS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE





New Starters at Walkerpack, Brackmills & Daventry

Walkerpack on Brackmills has recently welcomed 2 new members of staff – **Steve Tiley** has taken up the role of Sales Manager and has been hired to create and execute Walkerpack's short and long term growth plans. Walkerpack specialise in contract packing, warehouse, logistics and E-commerce fulfilment services.

Mick Cupoli is the Operations Manager for Brackmills Walkerpack site and Technicover which manufactures customer designed protective bags for a wide range of customers from aerospace through to leisure and heritage.

For more details visit www.walkerpack.co.uk

Come along to the next Northamptonshire Logistics Forum and meet Steve and many other members of the forum!!



AE Driver Training tests out Pilot Scheme

The DVSA has been reviewing the Driver CPC Part 4 (practical demonstration) test for lorry, bus and coach drivers.

As part of this a pilot is running to find out how practical it would be for external assessors to carry out the Driver CPC Part 4 test and AE Driver Training on Brackmills is taking part in this trial with Glen Martin from Action Express taking the tests.

This trial runs until early 2017 and DVSA will continue to offer the test, however by opening up the delivery to other providers gives customers more choice of where to take the test and maintain the current national LGV driving test waiting time.

Watch this space for an update on the trial or for more details visit www.aedriver.co.uk

Want your back to feel great?

Try this one simple movement...

This movement, recommended for us by MindBody Consulting originally comes from the coach of the American Olympic gymnastic squad, as one of the most simple but effective ways of improving spinal health.

Ideally performed every morning as soon as you get up, it takes about sixty seconds, and will leave your back feeling top notch!

Benefits:

- Helps release nutrients into the spine
- Lubricates the joints of the spine
- Promotes a general feeling of wellbeing
- Can reduce aches, pains and stiffness
- Improves mobility

How to do it:

To perform the spinal beads movement, just follow these simple steps:

1. Stand with your feet shoulder width apart, chin resting on collarbone, & hands on thighs
2. Imagine your spine to be a vertical stack of beads (each vertebrae being one bead)
3. Now slowly, one by one, peel one of those beads away as far down as feels comfortable
4. Spend a couple of seconds at the bottom, then slowly reverse the process back to the top
5. Repeat this cycle three times in total



We recommend you do this every morning. But for added benefit, we also suggest doing it just before bed in order to help you wake with less spinal stiffness if that is common for you.


www.mindbodyconsulting.co.uk

Interactive Warehouse Warm Up

The January meeting of the Northamptonshire Health, Safety & Wellbeing Forum saw a very interactive session with a taster of a warehouse warm up designed to reduce injury rates by Jonathan Pittam from Mind Body Consulting, along with presentations on Workplace Challenge and Health Assessments.

Alongside is a flyer with one of the exercises that the group undertook at the meeting. If you would like this in full please email info@mindbodyconsulting.co.uk

The next meeting is scheduled for the end of March and is open to all companies in Northamptonshire. For more details please email – charlotte.patrick@northampton.ac.uk